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FM AMEMBASSY CARACAS  
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FOR AMBASSADOR VAKY AND HECK

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TAGS: PINS, PFOR, VE, US

SUBJ: NEIHOUS KIDNAPPING-NEWSPAPER COVERAGE AND AMBASSADOR VAKY'S  
COMMENTS

REF: CARACAS 1973

1. CARACAS DAILIES EL NACIONAL AND EL UNIVERSAL FEBRUARY 26  
REPORT REMARKS BY AMBASSADOR VAKY AT MAIQUETIA AIRPORT FEBRUARY  
25 CONCERNING THE NIEHOUS KIDNAPPING CASE. AMBASSADOR VAKY  
IS QUOTED AS CONFIRMING THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED THE NIEHOUS CASE  
WITH PRESIDENT PEREZ "WITH THE HOPE THAT THE VENEZUELAN  
AUTHORITIES RENEW EVEN MORE THEIR INVESTIGATIONS TO DETERMINE  
WHAT HAS HAPPED TO MR. NEIHOUS." CONTINUING, AMBASSADOR VAKY  
SAID PRESIDENT PEREZ "GAVE ME AN ASSURANCE THAT THE VENEZUELAN  
AUTHORITIES WOULD ACCELERATE THEIR INVESTIGATIONS AND ALL OF  
US HOPE THAT THESE WILL RESULT IN THE RESCUE OF MR. NEIHOUS  
ALIVE." ASKED IF THE RECENT CAPTURE OF SEVERAL SUBVERSIVES  
WHO MAY HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THE KIDNAPPING OF NIEHOUS (REF)  
COULD LEAD TO HIS EVENTUAL RESCUE, AMBASSADOR VAKY INDICATED  
THAT HE HAD NO INFORMATION WITH RESPECT TO THE REPORT BUT THAT  
HE HOPED IT COULD LEAD TO A SOLUTION OF THE CASE.

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2. OVER THE WEEKEND EL NACIONAL, EL UNIVERSAL AND ENGLISH  
LANGUAGE DAILY JOURNAL RAN LONG FEATURE ARTICLES NOTING ANNIVER-  
SARY OF NIEHOUS KIDNAPPING FEBRUARY 27, 1976. FEBRUARY 28  
ISSUE OF EL NACIONAL CARRIES SECOND LONG ARTICLE RECAPITULATING  
ASPECTS OF KIDNAPPING.  
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